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Dear Friends of the Iris,

Concerning the introductions this year:

The increasing popularity and demand for the flat, flaring form of BAYOU GLORY and SARA GLADNEY prompted the introduction of two more of the type this year. ROYAL VELOUR will be remembered as the recipient of the Lafayette Civics Clubs Award at the 1953 show. Ella B. DAVIS is something quite exceptional — a most distinct pink toned iris that belies confusion with any other. She was selected from four excellent pink seedlings after three seasons of trial under varying weather conditions.

The extension of the bloom season with large flowering hybrids has been one goal given little attention by the hybridizers. With LA REVE it is hoped that a trend be started. LA REVE has the size of BAYOU SUNSET, one of its parents, and a color akin to the other, JOY ROBERTS. It blooms with the foliosas on a thirty inch stem.

Those of you who really want some luscious pastels, please watch Mr. Chowning's hybridizing pallet. SUNLIT FIELDS is the first of his new series to be introduced. This delicate appearing, difficult to describe iris cannot but win your heart. A blend of ivory, pink, oyster white, and lightest rose with touches of delicate yellow tones coupled with a form all its own. As #49-X, SHEER DELIGHT has already made a name for itself, and fortunately it propagates well.

Concerning the future:

More flat forms in new colors and degree of perfection are with us! And how about a perky yellow overlaid blue — and an overlapping buff with a bright gold signal patch — or a large floriferous baby ribbon pink — or a blend of raspberry? They're here, either in Mr. Chowning's garden or mine. Better branching will be stabilized after a couple more generations, and larger sizes, too — all this without the tetraploid that will revolutionize everything. Just where and when "Tetra" will appear, no one knows, but she's a coming, too.

So, Friends, it's wonderful to be alive and taking part in the development of what can be one of the horticultural delights of all nature!

And to all of you for your patronage and encouragement, I say a heartfelt

Thank you!

Irisatically yours,

*Sidney L. Conger*

#### TERMS:

Remittance with order: check, draft, or money order.

No orders less than \$5.00, please.

Shipments will be made beginning 1 September and ending 1 November unless requested to do otherwise.

Postage on all orders will be prepaid. May I suggest that orders to the West Coast and New England be shipped by air. For air shipments include 10% of order. You will be refunded or credited if the amount sent is too much. The Louisianas do not ship as well as the bearded.

These iris are guaranteed to be true to name and disease free, but cannot be guaranteed to grow under conditions beyond our control.

Cultural directions will be sent with each order.

Orders will be accepted subject to stock on hand. Refunds will be made in case we're out of stock.



## INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1954

**SHEER DELIGHT** (Chowning, Reg. '53) . . . From Lockett's Luck breeding, Mr. Chowning has produced this cool, orchid pink of delicate shading. As #49-X, it received accolades from many admirers, so many that he now introduces it. The 7 inch flower is enhanced by a darker zone around the signal patch. 36", midseason ..... \$5.00

**SUNLIT FIELDS** (Chowning, Reg. '53) . . . An exquisite blend of pink and oyster white with a different form: the sepals and petals form a deep chalice, then flare to exhibit the wide segments. The large, wide styles and claws protrude to assume an unusual importance. 6½" flowers on a 30" stalk. A good multiplier ..... \$10.00

**ELLA B. DAVIS** (Conger, Reg. '53) #49-55-2 (Roses and Wine X Peggy Mac) . . . From the same breeding as Sara Gladney and Royal Velour comes this clone, a bright pink of campanulate form, overlapping segments — a smaller sized Sara Gladney in form. The 5 inch flowers of light Meadow Pink are splashed Dahlia Purple. A Favorite in the garden this season. 30", midseason ..... \$7.50

**LA REVE** (Conger, Reg. '52) (Roberts Pink Foliosa X Bayou Sunset) "The Dream" . . . When the big season is over, the apparition of La Reve appears — French Lilac with a noticeable border of Irisglow; the Antique signal patch is surrounded by a two inch zone of Oyster White. The style arms are oyster white heavily overlaid French Lilac. The 5½ inch flowers are exhibited on a zig-zag stem 30 inches high. Plant in full shade ..... \$5.00

**ROYAL VELOUR** (Conger, Reg. '53) Roses and Wine X Peggy Mac) . . . The deep richness of Romanesque Violet coupled with a velvety pile and high sheen makes the name of this five inch flower appropriate. There is a deeper veining, too, throughout the flower. No perceptible signal patch mars the deep richness of the coloring. 30", midseason. Lafayette Civics Club Award, '53 ..... \$5.00

## 1954 PRICE LIST

**ACACIA** (MacMillan-Dormon, '52) H. M. '53 . . . 8" pale cream flower of l. giganticaerulea form with chartreuse signal patch, 36"-40" ..... \$5.00

(5) **BAYOU GLORY** (Conger, '53) H. C. '52, H. M. '53 . . . Sepals of Rose Petal; petals of Meadow Pink; large bright signal patch of Golden Rod; overlapping campanulate form; wide floral segments; excellent lateral branching; 30" stalks; midseason ..... \$7.50

(1) **BAYOU SUNSET** (MacMillan) MSD '49, H. M. '50 . . . the all time favorite to date, 7" rose-pink blended with amber and rose, striking rayed signal patch ..... \$1.00

**BAYOU VERMILION** (Debaillon-Dormon) . . . noted for the purity of its deep red coloring, Abbeville type, 5½" flowers, 18"-24", midseason ..... \$1.00

**BETTE LEE** (Davis, V. L., '51) . . . my favorite white for more than one reason! a crisp, tailored, sprightly iris suitable for corsage work, campanulate form, with greenish haft and style arms, erect and clean foliage ..... \$2.00

(16) **BLUE CHIP** (Smith, S., '50) H.M. '51 . . . the soft blue of Abbeville flat form, excellent branching, floriferous, 5½" flowers, 18"-24", most outstanding ..... \$5.00

**BRIARWOOD PUNCH** (Conger, '50) . . . a bright blend of rose, red, and golden tones, early, 5½" flowers, 30"-36"  
..... \$1.00

**CADD0** (Trichel, '50) MSD '50, H. M. '50 . . . a deep Burgundy with brilliant signal patch, floriferous, hardy, 6" flowers, 30"-36" ..... \$3.50

**CAJUN JOYEUSE** (Thomas) . . . a bi-tone rose-pink noted for dependability and profusion of bloom, an excellent parent ..... \$ .50

**(20) CAMERON WHITE** (Cornay, '47) . . . large flaring white, heavy substance, giganticaerulea form ..... \$2.00

**CAROGINIA** (Conger, '50) . . . decided bitone of carmine-violet and cream veined violet that makes a great show in the garden, campanulate flaring form, graceful, outstanding, 6" flowers, 36", midseason ..... \$2.00

**CAROLINE DORMON** (Dormon, R.) . . . interesting flat, flaring form coupled with a bright rose-red color infused with gold, 5½" flowers on a 36" stalk, midseason ..... \$1.00

**(3) CHERRY BOUNCE** (Nelson, I., '48) MSD '51, H. M. '50 . . . the favorite red, noted for brilliance and color fastness, outstanding, 6" flowers, 30"-36" ..... \$2.50

**DELTA TREASURE** (Mathews, L., '50) . . . unique Abbeville type gold, brown line down center of sepal, wide overlapping segments, outstanding ..... \$5.00

**(17) DIXIE DEB** (Chowning, '50) . . . outstanding garden variety of sulphur yellow, graceful twisted form, most floriferous, blooms much longer than competing varieties, flower arrangers' delight, excellent branching — in other words we like it! 5" flowers, 36"-48" ..... \$5.00

**DORTHEA K. WILLIAMSON** (Williamson, '18) . . . the criteria for hardiness, flat wine flowers, 5" wide, 30"-36" ..... \$ .50

**EARLY MORN** (Conger, '50) . . . unique color pattern of cream overlaid rose, sepal fades in center to creamy pink, 7" flaring flowers, excellent branching, 36" .... \$3.50

**(10) ELIZABETH, the QUEEN** (Nelson, I., '51) excellent landscaping variety in lightest soft lavender-blue enhanced by small linear gold signal patch bordered in deep grapejuice, giganticaerulea hybrid, 6" flowers, 36"-40" ..... \$1.25

**EULETTE P. FRANCIS** (Conger, '50) . . . huge 8" deep rose, an improved New Orleans, flaring form, 30" ..... \$2.00

**GAY DECEIVER** (Clark, H., '50) . . . ideal corsage flower, brilliant color blending of rose, gold, buff, pink, and apricot, eye-catching, campanulate form, heavy substance, flaring, 4" flowers, 18"-24", midseason ..... \$4.00

**(12) HAILE SELASSIE** (MacMillan) . . . another perennial favorite, outstanding violet of Abbeville form, floriferous, good performer, 6" flaring flowers, 24"-30".... \$ .50

**HELEN SMITH** (Arceneaux, '47) . . . early very floriferous yellow of flat flaring form, excellent branching, 5" flowers, 30"-36" ..... \$2.00

**JOY ROBERTS** (Roberts-Richard-Kelly) . . . known as "Robert's Pink Foliosa" this variety is a typical foliosa in every respect except its soft pinker-than-French-Lilac color . . . The signal patch is surrounded by an Oyster White zone that adds much to its charm . . . A most beautiful iris for arrangements and corsages. 4½", 18"-24", late .... \$2.50

**JUNE CLOUDS** (Dormon, C.) . . . a most distinct white in form, wide sepal, outstanding linear gold signal, medium height, frilly 5" flowers ..... \$1.50



**(6) LOCKETT'S LUCK** (Thibaut, '47) H. M. '50 . . . Flesh pink flowers of 7" in giganticaerulea form enhanced by a small brown outline of the diamond shaped signal patch, 36" ..... \$3.00

**LOUISIANA PURCHASE** (Chowning, '50) . . . delicate coloring in light ivory and burnt orange giving unique pink effect, 5½" flowers, hardy, midseason, 24"-28" .... \$3.00

**MIDNIGHT STORM** (Chowning, '50) . . . intense blue-black flower with startling lemon signal patch, excellent substance, velvety texture, arresting, 6" flower span....\$2.50

**MIDSHIPMAN** (Richard, '50) H. M. '50 . . . large graceful, wisteria violet seedling of Lockett's Luck, 7" flowers, 36"-40" ..... \$2.00

**MRS. ROBERT LEE RANDOLPH** (Kerper, '50) . . . soft, medium pink of flaring form, noted for purity of color, 6" flower, 36"-40" ..... \$7.50

**(18) PALE HANDS** (Conger, '50) . . . the delicacy of its orchid-pink flowers will fool you, they stand rough treatment, 7" flowers, 30"-36", early to midseason ..... \$3.50

**(4) PEGGY MAC** (MacMillan) . . . ideal flat form, magenta-rose 6" flowers, a superior parent, 30"-36", mid-season ..... \$1.00

**QUAPAW TRIBE** (Chowning, '50) . . . bright copper-rose of flaring form with long gold signal patch, hardy, dependable, late midseason, 5½" flowers, 20"-24" ..... \$2.00

**ROSE OF ABBEVILLE** (Dormon, C., '50) . . . noted for large signal patch on typical Abbeville form and soft rose color, flat and flaring, truly an arresting iris, 6" flowers, 30"-36", midseason ..... \$4.00

**ROSES AND WINE** (Conger, '50) . . . campanulate formed bitone of orchid and bordeaux, a clump of this floriferous variety is outstanding, 5½" flower, 30", midseason, excellent parent ..... \$1.50

**(8) ROYAL GEM** (Smith, S., '50) MSD '52, President's Cup '51, H. M. '51, NCSGC's Horticultural Achievement Award '52 . . . the above should be recommendation enough! dependable, well branched, floriferous, outstanding red-violet with brilliant signal patches, most satisfactory, 5½" flower, 30"-36", midseason ..... \$3.50

**(9) SARA GLADNEY** (Conger, '53) H. M. '53, Abbott Memorial Award '53 . . . perfection of frilled, flaring, campanulate form coupled with size and overlapping floral segments, medium rose-magenta-violet (Coronation, M&P), one of our proudest introductions ..... \$7.50

**(14) SAUCY MINX** (Dormon, C., '50) . . . 4½ flowers of perky flaring form in light blend of copper-rose, outstanding for arrangements, 30"-36", early to midseason ..... \$2.00

**SPRING DAYS** (DeBaillon-Dormon) . . . distinct gray-blue flower of flaring giganticaerulea form, slightly reticulated with darker blue, light greenish haft, no signal patch, 5½" flowers, 36" ..... \$1.50

**SPRING SORCERY** (Chowning, '50) . . . arrangers note: here's the improved golden apricot flower for the copper container, with purple leaf plum or canna foliage it's a knockout! floriferous, 4½" flowers, flaring form, 30". ..... \$2.00

**SUNNY** (Smith, S., '50) . . . sprightly low growing yellow of excellent flaring form, floriferous, good branching, early, 4½" flowers, 24"-30" ..... \$1.50

**SYLVAN DUET** (Conger, '50) . . . the most floriferous variety we know, 9-14 blooms per stalk, excellent branching, long bloom period, lusty grower, good for landscape, delicate bitone Chinese violet flowers, 4½" span, 36"-40" ..... **\$3.50**

**(7) THE KHAN** (Dormon, C., '50) . . . Miss Dormon's excellent warhorse in darkest red-violet with a "big eye" of gold as a signal patch, substance heavy, texture of velvet, excellent flower placement, vigorous, 7" flowers, 30"-36", midseason ..... **\$5.00**

**(2) VIOLET RAY** (Dormon, C., '50) MSD '53, HM '51 . . . Each year this iris wins more admirers. It's really amazing to see such a huge flower that is so sturdy and at the same time graceful, not to mention the beauty of the color pattern—pansy purple with cream rays, edged with cream. The sepal is wide, the petals twist, the general form campanulate. The flower is carried on a stalk in proportion to the size bloom. Our favorite from Miss Dormon ..... **\$6.00**

**WEDOWEE** (Conger '50) . . . huge 8" but graceful flower of orchadee sepals and cream flushed orchid petals, showy, 30", early midseason ..... **\$2.00**

**WOOD VIOLET** (Dormon, R., '51) HM '51 . . . brilliant medium blue that literally shines in the garden, a low grower suitable for a large rockery or walkway, 5" flower, 20"-24" ..... **\$2.00**

## SPECIES

Abbeville type reds .....	\$ .50
Abbeville type yellows .....	\$ .75
I. cristata, Arkansas form — per clump .....	\$ .75
I. foliosa .....	\$ .50
I. foliosa alba .....	\$ .75
I. giganteaerulea, soft blue .....	\$ .75
I. giganteaerulea, large, medium blue .....	\$1.00
I. giganteaerulea alba, an excellent seedling .....	\$1.00
I. Tectorum .....	\$ .50
I. virginica, Carolina type .....	\$ .50
I. virginica alba .....	\$ .75
I. virginica, "Calcasieu White", the giant, graceful west Louisiana type .....	\$1.50
I. virginica, var. KERMINSINA, wine .....	\$1.00
I. virginica, var. A. H. NICHOLLS, rose-pink .....	\$1.00

## LANDSCAPING IRIS

For mass effect these seedlings of exceptional quality are excellent. Most are siblings of registered varieties or seedlings of excellent parentage.

**\$25.00 per 100**

## SEEDS

**\$ .75 per 100, \$5.00 per 1000**

## HEMEROCALLIS

This year we are offering for the first time some of the best of the older varieties of Daylilies, the ones that have proved their excellence through many seasons in our garden.

**ANNIS VICTORIA RUSSELL** (Russell) E 36" Ev. 7" blooms of solid canary yellow ..... **\$ .50**

**BROCADE** (Taylor) M 36" Ev . . . Apricot with darker veining and large golden throat ..... **\$3.00**

**BARONET** (Stout) . . . Crinkled crimson-orange flowers, early, repeats. 30" ..... **\$ .50**

**CABALLERO** (Stout) M 40" Ev . . . Rose and yellow bicolor ..... **\$1.00**

**COEUR de LION** (Connell) EM 40" Ev . . . large flat golden yellow ..... **\$4.50**



<b>CORNELL</b> (Wheeler) M 36" Ev. A striking crimson and yellow bicolor .....	\$1.00
<b>CREPE SUZETTE</b> (Connell) M 36" Ev. Large crepe textured deep yellow .....	\$6.00
<b>CHISCA</b> (Betscher) EM 36" E .....	\$ .35, 3 per \$1.00
<b>COLONIAL DAME</b> (Millikan) M 36" D Large flowers of light apricot banded with rosy tan .....	\$3.00
<b>DELTA GIRL</b> (Connell) EM 36" Ev. Large pale cream with beautiful form .....	\$4.50
<b>DOLLY VARDEN</b> (Nesmith) M 36" D Heavy bloomer of Chinese coral .....	\$1.00
<b>DOMINION</b> (Stout) M 36" D Rich red-bloom flowers with darker eyezone. Repeats .....	\$1.00
<b>EMPEROR JONES</b> (Hayward) ML 38" Ev. Rich maroon with ivory midrib .....	\$1.50
<b>FERN IRVING</b> (Taylor) E 40" Ev. Nasturium red with grapefruit throat .....	\$2.00
<b>GARNET ROBE</b> (Milliken) M 40" Ev. A glowing rich garnet-red with a velvety sheen and large greenish yellow throat .....	\$4.00
<b>GEORGIA</b> (Stout) M 40" D. Buff and pink shades of peach .....	\$1.00
<b>GEORGE YELD</b> (Perry) bronzy apricot, flushed with brownish red .....	\$ .50
<b>GUNGA DIN</b> (Taylor) E 42" Ev. Dark red, purple highlights, with star shaped greenish throat .....	\$2.00
<b>GOLD DUST</b> . . . Deep yellow flowers, early bloomer .....	\$ .25
<b>HYPERION</b> (Mead) M 40" D . . . Pale yellow lemon full flowers, fragrant .....	\$ .50
<b>J. A. CRAWFORD</b> (Betscher) E 38" D . . . Mellow gold yellow with good substance, form and branching, reblooms .....	\$ .50
<b>J. T. RUSSELL</b> (Russell) E 36" Ev. Large yellow, recurving flowers with cinnamon red eyezone .....	\$ .50
<b>KANAPAHA</b> (Watkins) M 36" Ev . . . Clear raspberry rose self, bright color .....	\$ .50
<b>LOCHINVAR</b> (Taylor) E 34" Ev. Glowing pastel red blend .....	\$3.00
<b>LUSTROUS</b> (Nesmith) M 36" D . . . A bright terra cotta rose, free blooming, good substance, reblooms ....	\$ .50
<b>MARY GUENTHER</b> (Russell) M 32" D. Brilliant bicolor of carmine and yellow .....	\$ .75
<b>MIDDENDORFI</b> . . . E 24" D . . . free blooming medium yellow, excellent for a bed border .....	\$ .25, 5 per \$1.00
<b>MILORD</b> (Connell) EM 40" Ev. Tall stately tailored lemon yellow .....	\$3.50
<b>MIKADO</b> (Stout) M 36" D . . . A flaring medium yellow with brown eyezone .....	\$ .35
<b>MODESTY</b> (Betscher) E 36" Ev . . . Large creamy yellow recurved flowers .....	\$ .50
<b>MOROCCO RED</b> (Nesmith) M 38" D . . . Velvety maroon red self, profuse bloomer, showy in clumps .....	\$ .50
<b>MRS. B. F. BONNER</b> (Russell) M 38" Ev . . . Yellow recurving full flowers .....	\$1.00
<b>MRS. HUGH JOHNSON</b> (Russell) M 38" D . . . Non-fading velvety red .....	\$1.00

**MRS. W. H. WYMAN** (Betscher) LM 32" D . . . Lovely  
glistening yellow ..... \$ .50

**OLIVE BALDWIN** (Taylor) M 36" Ev. Old copper vein-  
ed red with large chrome throat ..... \$1.00

**OPHIR** (Farr) M 48" D . . . Golden Yellow, trumpet  
shaped flowers ..... \$ .50

**PARTY GOWN** (Milliken) M 36" Ev . . . Large ruffled  
rosy red and light greenish yellow bicolor ..... \$1.00

**PATRICIA** (Stout) . . . M 34" Ev . . . Broad, recurving,  
yellow blooms, fragrant ..... \$ .50

**PINK BOWKNOT** (Taylor) E 42" Ev. Luscious salmon  
pink with heavy ivory midrib and a daffodil throat .... \$7.50

**PINK CHARM** (Nesmith) ML 40" S, Ev . . . Dusty rose-  
pink blooms, recurving ..... \$ .50

**PORT** (Stout) M 30" D . . . small sprightly red with  
green throat. Well branched scapes bear many flowers \$ .50

**PRECIOUS RUBY** (Connell) M 36" Ev. Ruby red. most  
floriferous ..... \$2.00

**PURPLE WATERS** (Russell) M 36" Ev. Rich wine  
colored flowers, greenish yellow throat ..... \$ .50

**QUEEN OF GONZALES** (Russell) E 36" Ev . . . deep  
gold, long lasting flowers ..... \$ .50

**RAJAH** (Stout) ML 40" D . . . Golden yellow with  
mahogany band ..... \$ .50

**RED ROCK CANYON** (Milliken) EM 38" Ev . . . A  
large flower of orange red with dark red shadings, very  
showy ..... \$1.00

**SWEET ALICE** (Taylor) M 34" Ev. Smoky Lavendar  
rose ..... \$2.00

**RUBY SUPREME** (Wheeler) M 36" D . . . A large bold  
red with green throat, wide petals that have a gold mid-  
line, vigorous ..... \$1.00

**SU LIN** (Nesmith) M 36" D . . . pale mauve and creamy  
yellow bicolor, does better in shade ..... \$2.00

**SYMMETRY** (Connell) EM 40" Ev. Pale melon pink  
..... \$3.00

**TAJ MAHAL** (Russell) EM 30" Ev . . . Spidery chrome  
yellow with eyezone of red-purple ..... \$ .50

**TEJAS** (Russell) M 32" D . . . Fiery red with velvety  
sheen, makes effective clumps ..... \$ .75

**THE CHAMP** (Russell) ML 36" . . . A very pale re-  
curving yellow ..... \$1.00

**TRIUMPH** (Stout) EM 36" Ev . . . Large rich orange  
with faint reddish dustings, beautiful form ..... \$ .75

**TUNICA** (Connell) EM 40" Ev. Orange and red bi-  
color ..... \$2.50

**VULCAN** (Stout) E 30" Ev . . . A ruffled maroon-red  
with golden throat ..... \$ .50, 3 per \$1.00

**WAR PATH** (Russell) M 36" D . . . Full faced flowers  
of dark mahogany red ..... \$1.00

#### LANDSCAPING DAYLILIES

For mass planting in the border, we have many fine  
light yellow daylilies at

3 per \$1.00, 100 per \$25.00